



Disaster and Emergency Management Resources

Safety Rules for Farm Cleanup

- Delay permanent repairs until buildings are thoroughly dry.
- Spread wet feeds to dry. Avoid feeding wet feeds to livestock unless absolutely necessary.
- To avoid a fire hazard, move wet hay outside and spread it out to dry.
- Move livestock to unflooded pastures to prevent disease.
- Get rid of pests such as rodents, snakes, and insects.
- Promptly dispose of animal carcasses.
- Disassemble, clean, dry, and lubricate farm machinery. Do not start motors or engines until they are cleaned and reconditioned.
- Clear and open drains, ditches, channels, small streams, and tile-drain outlets. Drain floodwater, if possible, from fields.
- Plug breaks in dikes; use temporary structures to stop breaks and prevent further high water.
- From lots and fields, clear debris, especially barbed wire and other materials that could be dangerous to livestock.
- Avoid overexertion and strain in lifting and moving heavy objects or loads.
- When using kerosene, keep away from heat, sparks, and open flame.

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